including the production in the North-Eastern region during 1998-99 is given below:—

(in Metric Tonnes)

States	Production
Kerala	559099
Tamil Nadu	20263
Keranataka	12549
NE Region	12183
Others	951
Total :	605045

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Integrated Industrial Development Scheme

†1848. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some areas of Madhya Pradesh have been covered under the Integrated Industrial Development Scheme, under which the development of small industrial sector is done under the instructions of Government and through loans extended by the SIDBI;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SIDBI has refused to extend loans even after the Central Government's clearance to the development scheme of the Mandole industrial area in district Siwani; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and the manner in which this scheme would be implemented under these circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme was launched in 1994 to provide basic infrastructural facilities, in the rural/backward areas. Under the Scheme Central grant upto Rs. 2.00 crore and loan from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) up to Rs. 3.00 crore is available for each Centre. The State Governments

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

are required to select appropriate site, firm up the proposals and get these appraised from SIDBI for techno-economic viability. Two IID Centres have been sanctioned in the State of Madhya Pradesh, one at Nandantola in District Satna and the other at Bandol in District Seoni. Central grant of Rs. 89.00 lakhs has already been released for the IID Centre at Nadantola in District Satna.

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme the State Govenrment is required to appoint the implementing agency having a good track record and sound financial position. The financial position of Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam, Jablapur, the proposed implementing agency in respect of IID Centre at Bandol was not found satisfactory. The agency is in default to Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and has accumulated losses. SIDBI is hence not willing to sanction loan. The State Government was given the option to invest its own funds in lieu of SIDBI loan or to change the implementing agency. The State Government has expressed inability to invest its own funds, and very recently intimated that they have abandoned the implementation of IID Centre at Bandol, District Seoni.

Export to Rupee Payment areas

1849. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been India's exports to rupee payment areas;

(b) whether there has been any improvement since 1991;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to promote exports to these regions?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Export of Indian goods against rupee payment is presently taking place to Russian Federation, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Nepal and Bhutan. Exports under rupee paymesnt route to Russia and Czech and Slovak Republics are taking place as repayment of outstanding rupee debts. In the case of exports to Nepal and Bhutan realisation of exports proceeds is allowed in Indian Rupees. The figures for Indian exports to these countries for the year 1991-92 and 1998-99 are given below. The export figures include exports denominated in Indian rupees and freely convertible currencies. For the year 1991-92 separate figures for Russia, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic are not available with the DGCI&S and the figures provided are for